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The quickest way to settle this cruel newspaper war is for each contestant to admit what everybody already knows, that he has just been bluffing, and that it is The Tribune which leads the procession.

Our Alien Tax Law.

The bill to impose a tax of three cents a day on every alien employed in Pennsylvania, the tax to be subtracted by the employer from the alien's wages, is expected to add several hundred thousand dollars annually to the revenues of the various counties, but how much cannot be estimated.

In support of this new law it is urged that large numbers of aliens have come into the state and taken work at lower wages than natives were willing to accept; lower, in fact, than would feed the family of an American laborer; that such aliens have had the advantages of public institutions, including free schools and free text-books for their children—and all this without contributing a cent to lighten the burden of taxation.

The gravamen of Japan's grievance in the Hawaiian annexation matter appears to be that Japan was not consulted. Well, she knows it now.

Victoria and Abdication.

Rumor is busy with the report that Queen Victoria contemplates an early abdication in favor of the Prince of Wales. Wales is already 58 years of age, and it stands to reason that if he doesn't soon get the crown upon his head it will be too late.

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Gossip at the Capital

Special Correspondence of The Tribune.

Washington, June 23. From present indications Representative E. Robbins' name is not going to have a walkover for a re-nomination. He will be a candidate to succeed himself, but there will be other districts.

What Will the Banks Say?

John R. Dos Passos, of New York, has issued a pamphlet from a synopsis of his proposed American Credit Foncier, which explains one or two points not previously made clear.

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The Case for Hawaiian Annexation.

Frederick W. Seward, son of the late William H. Seward, and chief assistant of his illustrious father when the latter was Lincoln's secretary of state, has written to the New York Tribune a letter on the Hawaiian question which should be read by every opponent of annexation.

At Last, writes Mr. Seward, "we are brought face to face with the question whether we will take the Hawaiian islands into the United States or will let them drift into the embrace of some other power.

Hitherto we have been content to say that we preferred to let the Hawaiians govern themselves independently. But they no longer wish to do so and in all probability they might soon find it impossible, even if they did wish it.

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of \$55.00, or less than the 6 per cent interest now charged by the banks, and this payment, Mr. Dos Passos estimates, will in fifty-five years clear off the entire debt.

That is how the plan would affect the borrower, according to its author, but how will the company itself fare? Mr. Dos Passos is confident that it, too, can derive benefit from the transaction. He estimates that on the paid-in capital of the concern a profit of 5 per cent, can be realized through ordinary banking operations; while on the loans a profit of one per cent, is assured in this way:

All this looks very simple in theory, but the pertinent inquiry which Mr. Dos Passos appears to have overlooked is, "What will the banks do? Does he suppose that they would permit an enterprise such as he has outlined to take from them their real estate loan business, as it surely would if it conducted on the foregoing lines?"

The election of Congressman Burleigh in Maine by the customary plurality of 8,000 or so doesn't offer encouragement to the theory that there has been a revolution in sentiment since last November.

England's War Record.

Speaking of the arbitration with England, the following record of Victorian wars would seem to show that England needs to practice arbitration a while before she will be fit to travel in our class: Afghan war, 1839-40; first China war, 1840; Sikh war, 1845-6; Kafir, 1846; second war with China, second Afghan war, 1849; second Sikh war, 1849-50; Burmese war, 1850; second Kafir war, 1851-2; second Burmese war, 1852-3; Crimea, 1854; third war with China, 1856-8; Indian mutiny, 1857; Maori war, 1860-61; more war with China, 1860 and 1862; war at Bhootean, 1864; Abyssinian war, 1867-68; war with Bazotees, 1868; third Maori war, 1868-9; war with Looshais, 1871; second Ashanti war, 1874-5; third Kafir war, 1877; Zulu war, 1878-9; third Afghan war, 1878-80; war in Basutoland, 1878-81; Transvaal war, 1878-81; Egyptian war, 1882; Soudan, 1884-5-9; third Burmese war, 1885-92; Zanzibar, 1890; India, 1890; Matabele wars, 1894 and 1896; Chitral campaign, 1895; third Ashanti campaign, 1896; second Soudan campaign, 1896.

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Clearfield; in 1888 electing James Kerr, Democrat, of the same county, and in 1890 and 1892 electing George F. Kribbs, Democrat of Clarion. In 1884 and 1886 the Republican electors elected their candidate, Hon. W. C. Arnold. Since the formation of the new Twenty-first district Indiana county has not been honored with a Republican nominee, although it has always had a candidate at the conferences. Next year, however, it will insist upon being recognized, and will go into the conference with the full determination of having its candidate nominated.

"Our county was juggled out of the nomination last year," said a leading Republican from Indiana who was here this week. "We do not propose to submit to the domination of Armstrong and Westmoreland any longer. We will present a good man to the conference, and we will use our best efforts to have him nominated. Indiana county has never wavered in Republicanism since the formation of the party, and we think it entitled to a representative in congress once in a while at least. Mr. Robbins' nomination last year was the result of a deal and his friends would support him for United States attorney for the western district. The Indiana conference then voted for Robbins under the promise that he would not be a candidate for re-nomination, and that he would see that Westmoreland would vote for our candidate in 1896. From what I can learn, however, Mr. Robbins has forgotten his promise and intends to be a candidate for re-nomination. Well," concluded this gentleman, "we will see about that later. More than one can play at the same game. Judging from the reports throughout the district, especially from Westmoreland, Mr. Robbins' home county, he will have his hands full in capturing the delegates from that county to the next district conference. You can say that Indiana will have a candidate next year and a good strong one, too."

The last Cleveland administration was noted for its heartiness. One of its first acts was to turn out of the pension office Miss Elizabeth Harwood Key, a granddaughter of Francis Scott Key, the author of the Star Spangled Banner. Miss Key had been an employe of that department for many years, had grown old in the service and was unfitted for any other form of work. She was the only support of her aged and infirm mother. Miss Key was unable to secure suitable employment, and until a few days ago she and her mother were dependent upon the charity of their friends. She now has employment in the agricultural department.

A statue of General Logan will be erected in Iowa Circle, this city, in October. The bronze pedestal is to be imported, and is a fac-simile of one Mrs. Logan saw abroad and admired. It is to be placed upon a mound which is to be grassed over and will be unlike anything in this country.

Lieutenant Peary, of the navy, who has been granted five years' leave, in absence to prosecute scientific investigations in the Arctic regions, is now on a visit to this city with Mrs. Peary and daughter preparatory to a visit to the frozen north. According to his present plans he will leave Boston July 10 for Newfoundland, where he will make arrangements for a vessel to carry him and his party as far as Whale Sound.

Lieutenant Peary is confident of being able to reach the goal of his efforts this time. He intends to establish a base of supplies in the neighborhood of Independence bay. He will buy a vessel and load it with concentrated provisions. The crew will be the smallest which can work the ship, and every effort will be made to have the expedition as compactly equipped as possible.

The expedition will proceed to Robinson channel and Sherard Osborn fjord. From there, when the ice is firm, the supplies will be carried in sleds and buried along the route, in reserve for their return. Lieutenant Peary's plan is to take a number of natives and their families with him. They will establish villages along the way, twenty miles apart.

Lieutenant Peary expects to reach the eighty-fifth parallel with comparative little difficulty. Then he will make a final attempt to reach the north pole. In case of failure there will be a retreat and another attempt made the following year. He has had scores of applications from men and women who desire to accompany the expedition.

There is much speculation as to when congress will adjourn. Guesses vary from August 1 to August 15. There are still others who believe it will be nearer September 1 than August 1 when the gavel in both houses will fall.

The compressed air motor for propelling street cars doesn't yet seem to have reached that perfection which insures its success. On Monday a car on the local street railway became unmanageable and ran away. As a result a car hauled by horses and the air car were badly wrecked. One passenger was injured. The motorman and conductor escaped by jumping off the runaway car. The officials of the Air Motor company claim the compressed air motor is not at all other than their invention was responsible for the accident. The badly frightened passengers are of the opinion that the underground electric and cable systems are much safer roads on which to travel.

RETURN TO THE DINGLEY BILL.

From the Washington Star. Two good reasons exist for returning to the original Dingley bill. (1) It was framed with care and it passed the house precisely as framed. No patchwork was necessary. The ways and means committee were not irregular in their public majority of the house. It was not obliged to change its work in any essential feature. (2) It is possible to tell how much money can be raised with it, and experts declare that it will prove entirely satisfactory on that score. Here, then, is ample justification for letting the senate's hasty and irregular work slide, once conference has been reached, and returning to work which bears the stamp of care, consistency and order. The Dingley bill redresses the Republican party's pledge to the people, and insures the government all the money it needs for its comfortable support. Let us have the Dingley bill, or a bill very much like it, as the final result. The sugar trust will object, but the people will like it and endorse it.

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